

my moral essays on other subjects will do little good.

4th Inquiry — If such a paper were established, would not most of the Orthodox Ministers patronise it?

5th If you undertake it, when should you wish to commence?

Please write me on these subjects immediately.

We have had St Clair here — he gave us 4 very good lectures with the exception of one thing (this in confidence) he would do immense injury to the cause of Orthodox Missions, by the manner in which he handled that subject here. I like General Smith's letter. I think he is right, but I could not let ~~his~~ ^{St. Clair's} observations go, without replying to him in public meeting, as I took the liberty to do. He may misrepresent my remarks, but I am happy to learn they were approved by the audience, so far as I have heard.

Yours Truly,

G. R. Russell.

P.S. I am rather inclined to think a paper such as would suit yourself & myself, would likewise suit our orthodox churches generally.

G. R.

Rev. A. A. Phelps.
Dear Brother.

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Geo. Russell.

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62 With regard to the question proposed in
your last letter, I would like to make several inquiries,

First - What number of Subscribers do you suppose could
be obtained to a paper of the character which is needed to
circulate among the Orthodox community?

Second - Would it be considered sectarian, should the
paper embrace other subjects which ought to be discussed at
the present time, viz - The Sabbath, Ministry &c & I consider
it very important to insist on the necessity of the strict observance
of the Sabbath, by all classes, rulers & ruled: on the value of the
gospel ministry, & the danger of so undervaluing & trampling on
the means of God's appointment for the salvation of this lost
world, as to provoke His displeasures & lead to a withdrawal
of those means. I fear for our country, & fear for the ark of God.
Something ought to be done, and that speedily, now comes the
3^o Inquiry. Is it our duty to try to do any thing to stay the tide
of public sentiment which is strongly setting against the principles
& practices of the puritans, by establishing a paper which shall uphold
those principles & practices, so far as they are supported by the
Bible? The Recorder's influence is feeble, because it winks at Slav-
ery - indeed I doubt, almost, whether its influence is not against
religion - hard saying, but men will judge of religion by its pro-
fessors, & if they please for any thing so notorious as slavery, or do
not condemn it, what is the consequence? Suppose I am a very good
man but get drunk now & then - or exculpate those who do - what then?